

## **RUSSIAN SUB HUNTERS**

# **CIA Vessels in Sea Tests**

The Central Intelligence Agency vessel Glomar Explorer and its HMB-1 barge were conducting sea tests of their equipment and crew Wednesday about 1,200 feet offshore in the Santa Catalina Island Isthmus.

Yachtsmen and residents of the isthmus, who said the two vessels have visited there "off and on" for 18 months or more, said the submersible barge arrived Sunday and had completed submerging by Monday morning.

The Glomar Explorer left its dock in Long Beach about three weeks ago, presumably to rendezvous with HMB-1 for tests and practice runs in preparation for its return next month to the site where a Russian submarine sank in the Pacific 750 miles north of Hawaii.

The CIA ship recovered part of the sub last July. But its "claw" was damaged and another had to be built and placed aboard the HMB-1 at Redwood City.

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